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If you have important information for the Central Intelligence Agency, don't try to get it there by letter carried by a messenger.

Senator Frank Church of Idaho tried it by way of a Senate riding page after phoning the CIA the letter was en route to the agency's downtown Washington office.

The page fell into the hands of CIA security police who questioned him at great length and refused to accept the letter. The exasperated Senator Church said it would have been easier to phone President Kennedy.

The CIA may necessarily be security-minded and have all the information it needs, but who knows what it might miss when a letter considered urgent enough to dispatch by messenger is rejected. If a senator can't get through, the average citizen wouldn't stand a chance.

CIA Director John A. McCone should make his agency a little less impenetrable.

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